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SUBJ: IRASENCO

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1. PRINCIPALS OF IRASENCO (IRANIAN-SENEGALESE OIL COMPANY AND SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT (GOS) ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN TEHRAN JUNE 20 TO 30, TO MAKE "FINAL DECISION" ON PORT SEDAR PROJECT WHICH IS NOW FOUR YEARS OLD. SENEGALESE MINISTER OF PLAN OUSMANE SECK IS TO ARRIVE IN TEHRAN JUNE 20 ACCOMPANIED BY IRASENCO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR STEPHANIAN, IRASENCO ADMINISTRATOR DIARAF DIOUF, REFINERY CHIEF ABDOULAYE DIAO, GOS FINANCIAL CONSULTANT DAVID MORSE, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM IBRD AND NY INVESTMENT FIRM LOEB RHODES. PRESIDENT SENGHOR IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN TEHRAN JUNE 28-30.

2. REAL PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO RAIDE IRANIAN PARTICIPATION FROM $100 MILLION TO $150 MILLION FOR A SOMEWHAT LESS GRANDIOUSE PROJECT. IN SPITE OF WELL KNOWN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS
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OF IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, SENEGALESE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS MONEY WILL BE FOUND; IT IS UNLIKELY THAT SENGHOR WOULD BE GOING UNDER ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. EMBASSADOR SENT LETTER TO DIARAF DIOUF ON APRIL 22 NOTING THE MULTIPLE POSTPONEMENTS OF HIS IV VISIT TO THE US AND SETTING DATE OF JUNE 27 FOR HIS ARRIVAL. LETTER

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STATED THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT HIS GRANT WOULD BE HELF IF HE HAD TO POSTPONE BEYOND JUNE 27. DATE OF JUNE 27 WAS SET IN LIGHT OF PROPOSED JUNE 10-15 DATE FOR IRASENCO "SHOWDOWN" MISSION TO TEHRAN, BUT AS PER PARA I ABOVE, DATES HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH DIOUF WHO HAS ASKED THAT HIS TICKET BE WRITTEN FOR JULY 10 (PANAM 199) INSTEAD OF JUNE 27. WITHDRAWING GRANT AT THIS POINT WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSEMENT TO EMBASSY AND TO US FIRMS WHO HAVE BEEN PATIENTLY CULTIVATING DIARAF DIOUF AND WHO ARE FAVORED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF $100 MILLION MINE. ON OTHER HAND, EMBASSY APPRECIATES DIFFICULTIES OF WASHINGTON PROGRAM AGENCIES WHO HAVE ACCEPTED CONTINUOUS RESCHEDULING OF DIOUF TRIP FOR 18 MONTHS AND THUS WILL DEFER TO WASHINGTON'S JUDGEMENT ON JULY 10 ARRIVAL DATE.

4. IF JULY 10 IS ACCEPTED, POST WILL SEND UPDATED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS.

5. REQUEST CU/AF INFORM NY RECEPTION CENTER THAT DIOUF WILL NOT BE ARRIVING JUNE 27.
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